

## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Research Assistant
<b>School/Department:</b>	Nursing and Midwifery
<b>Reference:</b>	20/108288
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Thursday 20 August 2020
<b>Salary:</b>	£28,331 to £32,817 per annum. A market supplement may be applied.
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Tuesday 22 September 2020
<b>Duration:</b>	Until 31 December 2021

### JOB PURPOSE:

To be an active member of a research team, working collaboratively to design, develop and test an e-Health product "Abby" that will improve self-care management of patients with Chronic Heart Failure.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

1. Plan and undertake research activities, under supervision, within a specific research project and contribute actively as a key member of the research team
2. Understanding of current evidence base and application of good clinical practice guidelines within heart failure and related disciplines.
3. Assist with ethical and research governance procedures and amendments in relation to the study and in accordance to Good Clinical Practice and General Data Protection Regulations.
4. Work closely with the clinical multidisciplinary team to aid in the identification of patients eligible for the Passion-HF project.
5. Contribute to the development of a culture that supports research and evidence-based practice for the enhancement of patient care.
6. Prepare and present regular progress reports on the project to members of the research team in Queen's University.
7. Undertake clinical assessment of eligible patients in line with best clinical practice and Passion-HF protocol.
8. Provide education tailored to the patients' needs on the functionality of "Abby".
9. Prioritise patient safety in the application and advice provided by 'Abby'.
10. Ensure appropriate follow-up with patients once enrolled in the Passion-HF project.
11. Document medications and any alterations in accordance with individualised management plan.
12. Record and monitor patients within Passion-HF project in accordance with protocol and good clinical practice.
13. Record and report to PI, research and clinical (responsible Cardiologist and Heart Failure Nurse) teams on patients' feedback in line with QUB/ BHSCT policies and governance strategy.
14. Effective communication across professional, clinical and geographical boundaries to ensure safe practice and continuity of care.

### Planning and Organising:

1. Plan for specific aspects of research programmes in accordance to project GANNT chart and to inform clinical partner reports (6 monthly).
2. Plan own day-to day activity within framework of the agreed research programme. This may require travelling during work package 3 of the project (data collection).
3. Coordinate and liaise with other members of the research team over work progress.

### Resource Management Responsibilities:

1. Organise the scheduled use and effective working of research equipment.
2. Provide guidance as required to support staff assisting with the project.

### Internal and External Relationships:

1. Attend research team meetings, e-meetings, information sessions and consortium meetings as deemed appropriate.
2. Contribute to the School's outreach programme by establishing links with local community groups, industries etc.

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:**

1. Degree or equivalent in Nursing, Medicine or health related subject.
2. NMC Registration registered as a General Nurse Adult.
3. 2 years clinical experience post registration with at least 1 year of which in Heart Failure.
4. Experience of contributing to research projects.
5. Ability to contribute to broader management and administrative processes.
6. Ability to communicate complex information clearly.
7. Ability to build contacts and participate in internal and external networks.
8. Demonstrable intellectual ability.
9. Ability to assess and organise resources.
10. Good interpersonal skills.
11. Hold a driving licence and have access to a car or the ability to meet the mobility requirements of the post.
12. Appointment to this post is subject to the successful candidate's Enhanced Criminal Record Check.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. Professional qualification.
2. Certificate in Good Clinical Practice (GCP).
3. 3 years clinical experience post registration.
4. Experience of undertaking clinical research projects.
5. Experience of academic and report writing.
6. Previous experience with electronic databases.
7. Ability to multitask and work on initiative.
8. Good time and evidence of resource management.
9. Evidence of peer-review publications.
10. Evidence of presenting at national or international level.
11. Interest in eHealth apps.
12. Interest in HF research.
13. Ability to work autonomously.